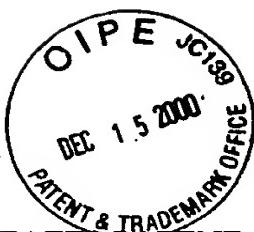


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IN RE APPLICATION OF:

TETSURO MOTOYAMA : GROUP ART UNIT: 2757

SERIAL NO: 09/192,583 :

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FOR: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR
COMMUNICATING WITH A
DEVICE ATTACHED TO A
COMPUTER USING ELECTRONIC
MAIL MESSAGES

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AMENDMENT

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SIR:

In response to the Official Action mailed September 28, 2000, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1 and 23 as follows:

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--1. (Amended) A method of processing messages, comprising the steps of:
receiving an electronic mail message by a computer;
determining whether the message which has been received is for a device associated
with the computer, the device being a business office device including a processor; [and]
transmitting a communication from the computer to the device, when the step of
determining determines that the message is for the device; and
operating the processor of the device in response to the communication.

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